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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT—ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's office action dated May 18, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect the species described by Species I: a fastener comprising a thermoplastic material.

The claims which read on the elected species is claim 39. Since claim 40 further specifies claim 39, it also reads on the elected Species I. Claims 31-38 and 43-52 are generic to the elected species.

The requirement for election of species is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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